(b) to (d) The NCCF has informed that according to the contract, the Vienna-based firm was to have furnished a performance bond of 3 per cent value of the contract through the bank. The party informed the NCCF that due to technical problems in the Turkish Banking System, it would take some time to furnish the guarantee and, therefore, they submitted a cheque for Rs. 1.10 lakhs returnable to them on receipt of the bank guarantee. The party ultimately failed to supply the stocks and the NCCF forfeited the amount of Rs. 1.10 lakhs given by the party, which was enough to cover the expenditure made by the NCCF due to various bank charges. NCCF did not *incur any loss in this deal. NCCF has* filed a claim with the Arbitrator for Rs. 27.73 lakhs on the basis of the anticipated trading loss.

Transport facilities in tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh

@2123. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the transport facilities in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh are extremely poor and even the important growth centres of the tribal areas are not connected by all weather roads; and

(b) if so, whether Government in the interest of the large Tribal population of the State propose to examine the proposals submitted by the State in 1983, in which an allocation of Rs. 119 crores was sought for the growth centres in remote tribal areas to be connected by roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) According to Draft Annual Plan 1987-88 document of Madhya Pradesh, vast tracts of land in the State suffer from inaccessibility, and there is also regional imbalance in road development. The Government of Madhya Pradesh had sent in the year 1983 a master plan for construction of roads at an estimated cost of Rs. 119.22 crores. On a request for specific proposal in this regard, however, the State Government sent during 1983-84 three road projects worth Rs. 4.09 crores and these projects were duly sanctioned in the same year. In the year 1984-85 & 1985-86, the State Govt. sent three additional projects for construction of roads in tribal areas. These proejcts, however, could not be sanctioned due to constraint of funds. From 1987-88, funds will be released only for completing the on-going proejcts in view of the paucity of funds.

@Previously Unstarred Question 585, transferred from the 22nd April, 1987.

Development of Adibasi languages

@@2124. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering for the development of major Adibasi languages;

(b) whether Government is taking any initiative for setting up of cells for the development of the major Adibasi languages; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Under the National Policy on Education, 1986, it is envisaged to prepare primers for Classes I & II in tribal languages having more than 1 lakh speakers by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan. The new educational policy also, inter-alia, underlines the need to develop the curricula and devise instructional materials in tribal languages at the initial stages with arrangements for switching over to the regional languages. The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, has taken up 51 tribal languages for linguistic description and material production. The National Council for Educa-

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1001, transferred from the 28th April, 1987.